

Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
Minutes October 21, 2008
Jackpot, Nevada

Meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes from the Last Meeting

Copies from the last meeting were provided to each voting delegates.

Barbara Perman Whyman made a correction to add her last name on page 2 paragraph 2.

Joe made a motion to approve the minutes with the above correction, Agee seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the financial report up to Oct. were provided.

The fiscal year is from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 so a final copy of 2007 was also provided.

Pam moved to accept the reports Joe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NvACD State Report

Patsy gave an update on the state association.

All but 4 Districts paid their dues this year.

The National meeting in Reno last February was a success.

Patsy and Chris went back to Washington DC this year to meet with the legislators.

The NACD is making a quilt for a fundraiser, Patsy made a block for Nevada.

This is an election year for the Districts. Eureka CD has a meeting scheduled for Nov. 6th, the Wells area Districts (Clover, NE Elko, Ruby, and Starr) for Nov. 7th.

NACD Update

Mike Griswold discussed the NACD.

Last year we lost Olin Sims (NACD president). John Redding (Sec./Treas) from Georgia stepped up as president for a year until the Vice President could assume the position.

The NACD has recognized several pacific islands as members. There are 54 nationally now.

The NACD is in the process of setting up a section on the website specifically for the dues paying members to access with information on where dues are going and important information. Nevada and Wyoming moved to the SW Region.

Input is needed on the top priorities for the state, not local. Please contact Mike.

Discussion followed on priorities.

Type II –

- 310 non point source
- Disaster Management
- Endangered Species listing
- Invasive Weeds

Urban interface move up from Type II to Type I with the water issues

Barbara stated the impact of urban interface has a large impact on the rural lands and is becoming an even larger issue.

Alternative Energy – there is a committee to deal with this issue.

Disaster management – Mike is on the committee dealing with the issue of how CDs should handle disasters.

Mike requested copies of MOU's from CDs with State and Federal Agencies.

The restoration of the NACD building- the capital court campaign is within \$76,000 of the needed funds.

Legislative Update

Chris Freeman gave an update on the state legislative issues.

State Budget cuts- a full time NV Division administrator will probably not go through because of the budget cuts.

If anyone has any issues please let Chris know.

National Level – they met with several officials and discussed many issues

- Fire pre suppression
- Farm bill rules – make more user friendly
- Need for local work groups
- CDs more input on conservation plans
- Fuel reduction

Chris attends the state legislature as a non paid lobbyist (\$15 per time)

Chris and Barbara will probably continue to attend the legislative sessions.

Nevada Conservation League/NvACD MOU

Barbara discussed the possible agreement. The NV Conservation League(NCL) is a lobbying group to educate the public on conservation issues. Issues will be only when agreed upon by both parties.

A question of how we will decide what issues we agree upon since this group only meets once a year.

Barbara answered that last year it was agreed for the NvACD officers to make that decision or we could get the regional chairs involved.

The MOU could be renewed on an annual basis or maybe every 5 years.

Patsy encouraged everyone to read the draft MOU before we vote tomorrow.

Discussion followed that the NCL is a lobbying organization- a voice of conservation for legislative action to support and educate on conservation and environmental issues.

Concerns were voiced with some of the partnerships the NCL has. They are anti-agricultural. The NvACD name would be associated with these other groups.

Committee Reports

Awards – There were not many award nominations received this year. There are many deserving people out there. Please send in a nomination next year.

Urban – Barbara spent a lot of time looking into the urban issues. New Mexico has a living on the land program for small acreage farming.

- Educate to inventory and understand the limitations of the land
- Recognizing long term and short term issues
- Share information from larger operations on what works in the area

She has a lesson plan available including forms. Sue Donaldson with UNR has more information.

Scholarship – 2 high school and 3 college scholarships were awarded.

High School – Angela Vesco, Heather Hoss

College – Ellen Trindle, Joshua Robbins, Anna Spealman

Range Camp- We need more volunteers for range camp. Talk to Kelly McGowan or Maggie Orr

Resolutions - There were no resolutions presented.

New Business

Should a district employee or secretary be able to serve as a voting delegate to represent the District at the annual meeting?

The by-laws state: **In order for a district to have a voting delegate and be able to vote at an annual meeting, the district must have paid their current dues and have designated the member a voting delegate at a regular meeting of the district.**

Discussion followed. Elected supervisor vs. a paid employee, the board votes on who is the delegate and the delegate should be aware of the board's views on issues.

Attendance is down by District supervisors this just gives them another excuse not to attend. It was agreed to table until tomorrow.

Administrative office for NvACD

A permanent office for the NvACD is needed to store the records along with an address for the important papers in order that important papers not be lost.

Discussion followed on options. Nv Division of CDs doesn't have a lot of space and the mail would have to be forwarded to the current president. Office space and a secretary costs money. Discussion on bringing this issue back next year after some time to come up with more options.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Pam seconded by Agee at 5:45 p.m.

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Committee Appointments

There was discussion on committee members.

Joe made a motion to leave committees as is, Vance seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commission Nominees

Northeast Area – Joe Sicking Humboldt County (current)

Agee Smith – Elko County

Patsy Tomera – Eureka County

Vance Vesco -

Western Area – Chris Freeman Carson City (current)

Eric Rieman – Carson Valley (current)

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 Bret Tyler
 Cub Wolfe
 South Central Area – Donna Lamm – Nye County (current)
 Leland Wallace – Esmeralda County
 Robert J. Mathews – Lincoln County
 Joe Fortier- Clark County
 Positions up: at large- Keith Whipple, South- Judy, NE – Vance, West- Eric

Regional Chairs

Northeast Area

VP: Patsy Tomera – Pine Valley
 Mark Howell – Starr Valley
 Agee Smith - Wells

Western Area

VP: Lyle de Braga – Fallon
 Barbara Perlman Whyman – Incline Village
 Howard Glancy – Dayton

South Central Area

VP: Leland Wallace – Dyer
 John Hunt – Las Vegas
 Keith Whipple – Hiko

NvACD Elections

Nominations were opened.

President – Pam Griswold nominated by Joe Sicking, Maggie Orr seconded. Elected unanimously.

Vice President – Barbara Perlman Whyman nominated by Lyle deBraga seconded by Agee Smith. Elected unanimously.

Councilman – Mike Griswold nominated by Joe Sicking, seconded by Vance Vesco. Elected unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Poster Contest winners:

K - 1 Grades

<i>First Place</i>	Hailey Hage	Lincoln County
<i>Second Place</i>	Katelyn Maurer	Esmeralda
<i>Third Place</i>	Zachary Garcia	Eureka

2 - 3 Grades

<i>First Place</i>	Stephanin Therianos	Lahontan
<i>Second Place</i>	Lincoln Frehner	Lincoln County
<i>Third Place</i>	Carbon Gibson	Eureka

4 - 6 Grades

<i>First Place</i>	Rebecca Mills	Lahontan
<i>Second Place</i>	Gracie Damele	Eureka
<i>Third Place</i>	Tanji Tibbitts	Lincoln County

7 - 9 Grades

<i>First Place</i>	Benny Harmon	White Pine
<i>Second Place</i>	Barrington Rose	White Pine
<i>Third Place</i>	Christopher Franco	Big Meadow

10 -12 Grades

<i>First Place</i>	Cierra Mussen	Eureka
<i>Second Place</i>	Alejanoro Fernandez	Big Meadow
<i>Third Place</i>	Kendra Mitchell	Big Meadow

Voting Delegate

Discussion on voting delegates.

Motion to amend the By-Laws-Article IX replace "the member" with "a district supervisor" made by Vance Vesco seconded by Leland Wallace. Passed unanimously.

Committees

Add current President (Pam Griswold) & Vice President (Barbara Perlman Whyman) to Awards Committee. Awards Committee should always have the current President and Vice president.

NCL/NvACD MOU

Joe Sicking moved to place the MOU on the floor for discussion, Roger Hatch seconded.

A general outline of the NCL was passed around.

A vote was called.

The agreement was defeated on a vote of: 1 for 10 against

Next Annual Meeting

Lahontan & Stillwater Districts would like to host the meeting in Fallon.

Tuesday November 3rd Wednesday November 4th.

Motion to hold the 2009 Annual meeting on November 3&4 was made by Vance Vesco seconded by Joe Sicking. Motion passed.

NvACD Administrative Issues

Permanent address- the NV Division of CD could be the address for the IRS, Sales tax exempt, and Secretary of State.

Pam will have to find a secretary to sign on the bank account. The account needs 2 signers.

Add an elected Treasurer as an officer onto the next agenda

Meeting adjourned.